OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP,

FOR THE

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

Superintendent of the County Farm, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Physician, Clerk of the Court and County Solicitor,

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1896.

LACONIA, N. H.:
LACONIA PRESS ASSOCIATION.
1897.

County Officers.

COMMISSIONERS,

GEORGE A. SANDERS, Laconia.
JOSEPH F. SMITH, Meredith.
GEORGE C. PARSONS, Gilmanton.

TREASURER,

MARK M. ROBINSON, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

WILLIAM B. FELLOWS, Tilton.

SHERIFF,

BRADBURY R. DEARBORN, Meredith.

CLERK,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Belmont.

JUDGE OF PROBATE,

WILLIAM B. FELLOWS, Tilton.

REGISTER OF PROBATE,

FRED A. YOUNG, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS,

MARTIN B. PLUMMER, Laconia.

AUDITORS,

THOMAS O'SHEA, Laconia.
FRED W. TOWLE, Meredith.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM, AND DEPUTY JAILER,

CHARLES D. THYNG.

PHYSICIANS,

At County Farm, HENRY C. WELLS.
For Laconia, A. W. ABBOTT and J. N. LETOURNEAU.
For Ward 6 and Gilford, J. G. QUIMBY.

Commissioners' Report.

In compliance with the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire we herewith submit the annual report of Belknap County, showing its financial condition and matters of interest, together with the report of the Superintendent of the County Farm, Treasurer, Clerk of the Court, Solicitor, Jailer, Sheriff, Physicians and Auditors.

The finances of the County are in a satisfactory condition. Since our last report we have paid the balance of the floating debt, amounting to $4,513.39, which leaves the bonded indebtedness of $50,000.00 as the only debt. Deducting the amount of cash on hand from that leaves as the net debt of the county $32,137.59, a reduction the past year of $4,578.81, and as we cannot pay any of the debt until 1914 we would recommend the establishment of a sinking fund so that when the first set of bonds (Court House) become due they can be paid without excessive taxation.

The expense of external poor the past year was $11,783.73, being a reduction of $1,415.90 from last year.

The expense of supporting paupers at the farm for the year was $9,020.35, making the total expense for the care of the poor of the County for the year $20,804.08.

The report of the Treasurer gives in detail the receipts and disbursements.

COUNTY FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

This institution has been continued under the imme-

diate charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thyng, who are well qualified for the responsible position they hold, and words of praise come from every one who visits the farm for the neat and clean condition of the buildings and surroundings, and the kind treatment and care that the worthy unfortunate poor receive at their hands, and we congratulate the taxpayers of the county that we are enabled to secure their services another year.

The sanitary conditions are not what they should be and in our opinion should be completely overhauled. The buildings are in good repair, but there are some matters that should be promptly attended to. The insane ward should be thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The barn is not of sufficient capacity to take care of the large quantity of hay and grain that is raised on the farm each year.

The stock is also too crowded, and we think that by building a new horse barn the trouble would be remedied.

By referring to the Superintendent's report it will be noticed that the expense of the farm has been somewhat more than last year, the reason of which we will explain. It has been the custom in years past for the Commissioners to pay some of the expenses of the farm, such as insurance and permanent repairs, from their office, consequently those amounts have not been charged to farm accounts. This year we have charged up to the farm account every bill we have paid for the farm and we have the past year expended quite a sum blasting and clearing the pasture in front of the house, thereby adding a number of acres to the tillage of the farm; the average number of prisoners in the jail the past year which are chargeable to the County has been about double what it has been the past few years. With this explanation we feel

that we have no reason to make complaint of the increase of expense at the farm the past year.

The sanitary condition of the jail was in such a dangerous state by reason of broken water and sewer pipes that we thought best to make repairs, which cost quite a large sum of money, much more than we expected when we commenced; but we can now say that the sanitary condition of the jail is first-class.

It is well known that we have no House of Correction and we would recommend that some arrangements be made to keep the criminals sent to the House of Correction, where they can receive their merited punishment, instead of punishing the unfortunate inmates of the Almshouse by compelling them to associate with those under sentence for crime.

THE EXTERNAL POOR.

The Commissioners desire to call the attention of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor in the several towns and cities of the County to Chapter 27, Section 11, and to Chapter 85, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 11 and 14, of the Public Statutes, and inform you that no bills will be paid for more than 30 days' support previous to the proper affidavits being furnished us according to the requirements of the statutes. Proper blanks will be furnished you upon application to the County Commissioners, and we urge upon you the necessity of exercising great care in the management of the poor supported in the several towns. Investigate all new applications for aid and be sure that all such are deserving and legally entitled to such aid, and in every case where aid is furnished be sure that each pauper gets a dollar's worth of goods for every dollar paid.

GEORGE A. SANDERS,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE C. PARSONS,
} Commissioners of Belknap County.

Commissioners' Report.

Paid for External Poor for the Year Ending December 31, 1896

ALTON.

Town of Alton,	aid to		A. R. Morrison	$44.22
"	"	"	Sarah Rand	64.70
"	"	"	Sarah Collins	32.10
"	"	"	James S. Merrow	5.00
"	"	"	M. V. B. Stevens	161.48
"	"	"	Marguerett Rines' children	84.00
"	"	"	Frank Clark	31.87
"	"	"	J. D. Flanders	9.00
"	"	"	L. D. Glidden	2.50
"	"	"	S. H. Flanders	38.45
"	"	"	Rockingham County to Emma Peavey	63.50
"	"	"	Transient	45.86
"	"	"	Dependent soldiers and families	379.42
				$962.10

BARNSTEAD.

Town of Barnstead,	aid to		John Avery	$84.00
"	"	"	Mrs. Seth Ring . . .	13.00
"	"	"	Frank Maxfield . . .	82.47
"	"	"	John Hayward	33.00
G. H. Hawley, one-half med. contract				87.50

Town of Barnstead, aid to Transient	$270.15
Dependent soldiers and families	92.54
	$662.66

BELMONT.

Town of Belmont, aid to Nancy Dockham	$67.00
" " " Lydia Johnson	95.00
" " " Bunker boy	62.50
" " A. S. Bolster, med. contract .	50.00
" " " medicine furnished .	5.00
Dependent soldiers and families	29.50
	$309.00

CENTRE HARBOR.

Centre Harbor, aid to Transient	$75.60
" " " Dependent soldiers and families	20.00
	$95.60

GILFORD.

Town of Gilford, aid to Lyman Thompson . . .	$225.01
Orphan's Home, " Willey boys	150.00
Town of Gilford, " Mrs. Chas. Thompson . .	55.02
" " " Sam Green	26.21
" " " Transient	3.41
	$459.65

GILMANTON.

Town of Gilmanton, aid to Henry L. Ransom . .	$113.67
" " " Geo. Haskell	17.15
" " " Mrs. A. H. Glines . .	94.60
" " " A. E. York	39.21
" " " Blanch Adams	64.55

Town of Gilmanton, aid to	Addie Evans	$ 15.39
" " "	Mary J. Sleeper . . .	14.00
" " "	Transient	160.00
" " "	Dependent soldiers and families	360.00
		$879.05

LACONIA, Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Industrial School, aid to	Thomas Lessard	$14.57
" " "	Napoleon Lessard . . .	14.57
" " "	Henry Dockham	16.50
" " "	Emma Sturgeon	78.00
" " "	Harry Merchant	78.00
" " "	Joseph Dutrizac	78.00
N. H. Orphans' Home, "	Lewis Dockham	59.50
N. H. Insane Asylum, "	Harrison Dockham . .	61.06
" " "	Mary Black	105.24
" " "	Austin Stanyan	60.86
City of Laconia, "	Miss Evans	47.39
" "	Dr. J. E. Letourneau, med. contr.	324.20
" "	aid to Mrs. Dagenais	65.00
" " "	Mrs. Annie Drown . . .	20.50
" " "	Joseph Greenwood . . .	54.90
" " "	D. B. Roberts	17.00
" " "	Sam Green	12.75
" " "	David Fuller	14.00
" " "	Xavia Tonguay	29.00
" " "	Mrs. Anthony	25.24
" " "	Emil Gonyer	3.50
" " "	Charles Chabbott	23.00
" " "	Thomas Jock	12.00
" " "	John Leonard	12.00
" "	A. W. Abbott, med. contract . .	81.00

City of Laconia, aid to Transient	$1,589.64
" " Dependent soldiers and families	323.20
	$3,210.62

LACONIA, Wards 1 and 6.

J. G. Quimby, med. contract	$200.00
J. P. Leavitt, aid to Daniel Leavitt	66.25
Industrial School, aid to John Foote	45.00
Insane Asylum, aid to Kate Leavitt	132.82
City of Laconia, aid to Mrs. G. W. Gault	33.20
" " " Mrs. Wm. Lewis	78.00
" " " Alfred Kenniston	39.00
" " " Julia Shute	78.00
" " " Sallie Gilford	100.00
" " " Matthew Mooney	59.09
" " " Caroline Libby	16.00
" " " Cora Campbell	30.00
" " " Transient	769.28
" " Dependent soldiers and families	445.43
	$2,092.07

MEREDITH.

Town of Meredith, aid to Mrs. Lewis	$93.00
" " " Harly Horn	68.34
" " " Woody Palmer	33.71
" " " Josephine Swain	32.00
" " " Mrs. Dockham	128.00
" " " Mrs. Herbert and child'n	3.00
" " " Mrs. Young	21.50
" " " Benj. Prescott	83.79
" " " Hannah Wiggin	29.00
" " " Transient	321.17
" " Dependent soldiers and families	354.23
	$1,197.74

NEW HAMPTON.

Town of New Hampton, aid to	Sam Ward . . .	$116.00
" " "	Nancy Webster .	85.75
" " "	Benj. Evans . .	65.00
" " "	Transient . . .	117.83
" "	Dependent soldiers and families	276.12
		$660.70

SANBORNTON.

Town of Sanbornton, aid to	Ed Johnson	$58.21
" " "	Henry Burnham . .	8.00
" " "	Eliza Parker	15.25
" " "	Geo. Horne	90.56
" " "	Mrs. Whitehouse . .	104.00
" " "	Daniel Lovering . .	25.50
" " "	Geo. B. Ranlet . . .	60.00
" " "	Wm. Bartlett . . .	124.07
" " "	Geo. Rollins	82.77
" " "	Transient	151.53
	Dependent soldiers and families	273.40
		$993.29

TILTON.

Town of Tilton, aid to	Transient	$261.25

RECAPITULATION.

To amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer for support of external poor		$11,783.73
Amount paid Town of	Alton	$962.10
" " "	Barnstead . .	662.66
" " "	Belmont . .	309.00
" " "	Centre Harbor	95.60

Amount paid Town of Gilford . . .	$ 459.65		
" " " Gilmanton .	879.05		
" " City of Laconia, Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5	3,210.62		
" " Same, Wards 1 and 6 .	2,092.07		
" " Town of Meredith . .	1,197.74		
" " " New Hampt'n	660.70		
" " " Sanbornton .	993.29		
" " " Tilton . . .	261.25		$11,783.73

GEORGE A. SANDERS,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE C. PARSONS,
} Commissioners of Belknap County.

LACONIA, N. H., Jan. 22, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the County Commissioners for the past year ending Dec. 31st, 1896, and we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

We find the sums named in the vouchers and payments are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, according to the market value of the articles named, and that the same were for the benefit of the County.

THOMAS O'SHEA,
FRED W. TOWLE,
} Auditors.

Report of Supt. of County Farm

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Received from County Treasurer	$7,700.00	
" for board of sundry persons	231.15	
" pigs	61.90	
" wood	29.50	
" butter	24.09	
" pork	15.65	
" yoke of oxen	115.00	
" hay	151.46	
" flour barrels	16.20	
" use of team	15.00	
" use of bull	4.00	
" cash received for goods	2.81	
" fines	64.16	
" grain	25.00	
		$8,455.92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Box rent	$1.40
R. N. Dana, repairing boiler	7.20
L. M. Gould, Belknap report	3.00
Postage stamps	5.00
Cunningham Iron Works, grates for boiler	29.55
J. F. Conway, tobacco	5.70

Paid J. F. Smith, beef	$ 23.76
Boston Journal	4.80
McCarthy Bros., dry goods	62.98
N. H. Chase, chopping wood	8.75
Jacob Sanborn, beef	43.80
C. E. Roby, chopping wood	9.40
Ice, Coal & Wood Co., ice	20.55
" grain	53.46
Frank Crockett, labor	9.75
Frank H. Chase, carpenter	4.75
J. P. Clay & Son, meat	10.50
Wm. M. Odell, phosphate	33.00
Larkin Soap Co., soap	10.00
J. F. Smith, cow	40.00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, stationery	9.54
C. W. Knowles, repairs for mowing machine	1.20
H. H. Eastman, beef	5.32
J. F. Harriman, stationery	1.50
Whiting Nursery Co., fruit trees	10.00
H. M. Ray, repairs	7.25
S. Griffin, butcher	3.00
F. M. Sanborn, phosphate	42.60
G. H. Mitchell, lamps	2.37
J. E. Berry, washing powder	1.00
J. H. Mitchell, blacksmith	8.75
C. R. Pease, rep. sewing machine	1.50
News and Critic	1.00
E. P. Osgood, repairing wagon	2.00
Jacob May, clothing	37.92
Purity Soap Co.	1.80
Norfolk Mfg. Co.	19.54

Paid H. A. Maxfield, threshing grain . .	$ 12.54
J. H. Hurd & Son, shoes	28.80
Standard Time Co., dials	6.00
Frank Coffin & Co., grain	187.50
R. F. Moore, veterinary	1.00
W. D. Huse, repairs	2.25
Cook & Durgin, making cider . . .	3.75
Roxmont Market, meat	13.48
J. C. Russell, grain	10.00
F. W. Ladd, groceries	2.49
F. H. Moore, grain	10.87
Dow & Roberts, meat	144.12
J. H. Pierce & Co., groceries . . .	100.00
H. C. Gale, potatoes	2.00
Ice, Coal & Wood Co., ice, 1896 . .	13.40
Wallace Bros., mason work	3.25
L. J. Merchand, shoes	.90
T. J. Guay, carpenter work	55.76
Knight & Robinson, furniture . . .	53.93
C. H. Watson, provisions	50.61
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repairs . .	10.40
N. G. Plummer, measuring wood .	11.00
Mirror & American	4.50
Osgood & Co., silverware	12.00
Taylor & Quimby, blacksmithing .	10.06
Building wall	255.60
John Conway, labor	20.00
Perkins & Titus	61.18
J. P. Atkinson, groceries	63.59
Freight bill	3.98
Chopping wood, Meredith lot . . .	243.78
E. L. Hearn, shoes	65.13
J. L. Moore & Son, paper, curtains &c	26.11

Paid Robert Briggs, labor	$ 70.00	
Maggie Busiel, "	70.00	
A. D. Thyng, "	50.00	
O. Colfuss, "	151.00	
David Green, "	208.00	
N. E. Telephone Co.	31.70	
O. T. Lougee, clothing	51.03	
Lougee Bros., dry goods	242.86	
Smith, Benedict & Co., drugs	61,55	
Chopping wood, pasture	172.26	
J. P. Pitman & Co., groceries	64.46	
F. O. Wallace	3.00	
O'Shea Bros., dry goods	139.95	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	98.03	
F. E. Nelson, crockery and glassware	50.97	
S. W. Curtis, blacksmith	18.99	
S. W. McGloughlin, blacksmith	38.61	
H. J. Phillips, undertaker	50.25	
J. F. Smith, yarding wood	175.00	
G. A. Sanders, plumbing, etc	265.40	
Rowe Bros., groceries and flour	1,545.64	
J. S. Morrill, grain	427.00	
J. P. Smith, groceries	104.02	
Laconia & Lake Village Water Co.	350.00	
City Market	57.94	
Laconia Lumber Works	39.66	
Hardware Co.	86.46	
Cash paid for goods	261.12	
C. H. Horn, labor	166.00	
J. C. Moses and wife, labor	549.00	
C. H. Gilman, "	245.00	
Nellie F. Joslyn, "	183.00	
Ida M. Batchelder, "	183.00	
Taxes, 1896	211.40	
		$8,455.92

SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNTS.

To inventory of personal property, Jan. 1, 1895	$7,336.97	
Amount paid out for provisions, labor, repairs, etc.,	8,455,92	
C. D. Thyng and wife, salary	800.00	
Interest on investment	1,160.00	
Amount paid by Commissioners, which is charged to farm acc't	564.43	
		$18,317.32
Inventory Dec. 31, 1896	$8,253.43	
Rec'd for board of sundry persons	321.66	
Due from City of Laconia, board of prisoners, 1895	415.29	
Due from City of Laconia, board of prisoners, 1896	341.68	
Due from Town of Meredith, board of prisoners, 1896	40.85	
Due from Town of Tilton, board of prisoners, 1896	46.00	
Cost of board of prisoners which is chargeable to County	1,113.46	
Clothing, bedding, and supplies for jail	150.00	
Rec'd for sales from farm, labor, &c.	460.64	
Rec'd from fines	64.16	
		$11,207.17

Amount for support of inmates, boarders and employes $7110.15

Number of weeks support of inmates, boarders and employes, 3,696.

Cost per week, $1.92.

C. D. Thyng, Supt.

INMATES AND BOARDERS.

NAME.	AGE.	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Adams, Margaret, Alton	43	52	2
Adams, Blanch, Alton	4	7	4
Ash, Eddie, Laconia	12	2	4
Batchelder, Charles, Meredith	62	52	2
Burrows, Herbert, Barnstead	42	52	2
Bickford, Rosa, "	17	52	2
Bartlett, Israel, Belmont	84	52	2
Black, Mary, Laconia	30	13	
Bush, Edward, "	28	52	2
Bickford, J. C., "	53	22	
Colton, Grace, Sanbornton	37	52	2
Carlton, Rosa, Laconia	26	32	4
Chase, George, Barnstead	55	10	
Carroll, Tim, Laconia	60	30	
Campbell, Cora, "	25	2	1
Campbell, Edith, "	3	2	1
Campbell, Elmer, "	2	2	1
Campbell, Ruth, "	2 mos.	2	1
Conway, John, "	32	10	1
Conway, Phoebe, "	33	12	4
Conway, John A., "	8	12	4
Conway, Thos. H. "	6	12	4
Conway, Lewis, "	4	12	4
Conway, Maggie, "	2	12	4
Conway, Willie, born at farm		7	14
Dixey, Mary, Sanbornton	62	52	2
Dockham, Louisa, Gilmanton	84	14	
Dockham, Charles, Meredith	20	9	4
Donovan, Charles, Alton	39	52	2
Dana, Almon, Meredith	48	52	2
Drowns, Annie, Laconia	42		4

NAME.	AGE.	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Ellis, Sarah, Gilford	70	52	2
Evans, Eva, Laconia	26	44	5
Evans, Addie, "	5	32	
Evans, Caroline D., born at farm		34	
Edwards, John, Laconia	37	36	
Fifield, Harriet, New Hampton	49	52	2
Frouley, Margaret, Laconia	50	52	2
Farnham, Lydia, New Hampton	88	52	2
Gilman, Belle, Gilmanton	28	52	2
Gilman, Anabelle, born at farm	1	52	2
Gilman, Angie, Gilford	19	52	2
Gordon, Mary, New Hampton		3	3
Hubbard, Harriet, Laconia	60	52	2
Hadley, David, "	83	52	2
Harmon, Mike, "	50	4	
Horn, George, Sanbornton	49	2	1
Horn, Harriet, "	43	2	1
Huckins, Hannah, Gilford	47	1	3
Judkins, Lewis	40	52	2
Kelley, J. W., Barnstead	57	15	
Ladd, Ann	59	52	2
Luxman, Annie	52	52	2
Merrill, Sally, Laconia	82	52	2
Morrison, A. R., Alton	90	51	4
Nutter, Rebekah, Barnstead	52	52	4
Peavey, Emma, Alton	70	13	3
Rogers, William, Meredith	68	52	2
Rooney, William	58	19	
Rowe, Tamson, Laconia	70	16	
Sorrell, Moses, "	82	52	2
Shaw, Joseph, "	89	52	2
Shaw, Martha, "	69	52	2

NAME.	AGE.	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Snow, Emma, "	59	50	
Sumner, Lucy	73	52	2
Small, Mary, Gilford	51	52	2
Smith, N. D., New Hampton	67	52	2
Smith, Edward, Laconia	4	32	4
Swain, Kate, "	41	18	2
Stackpole, Laura, Meredith	72	52	2
Story, Pherfenia, Gilmanton	17	9	4
Story, Robert C. H., born at farm		2	4
Twombley, Mary, Gilmanton	56	52	2
Tilton, Versile, Tilton	63	52	2
Thompson, Benj., Alton	66	52	2
Weeks, Ann, Gilford	63	52	2
Wheeler, Ezra, Laconia	63	2	4
Whipple, Edward, Laconia	25	17	1
Young, Charles, Alton	54	52	2
Transient		16	
25 Tramps		4	5

JAILER'S REPORT.

Following is a list of the prisoners confined in the Belknap County Jail, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1896:

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Thomas H. Smith	13	
Nathan Sanborn	1	2
W. D. Walsh	13	
Fred Buckley	14	
Edward Davis	13	
Willis Cunningham	14	
Wm. Gammell	13	
Frank Crockett	6	
Frank Kane	13	

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
David Coburn	13	
John Williams	13	
Robert Briggs	8	3
Vida Williams	3	
Victor Laclare	1	2
Geo. Woodward	1	
P. C. Lamprey	2	1
Albert J. Wood	13	
John Dolan	16	
James Stone	12	
W. H. McGrath	12	
John Chattle	8	4
Fred Baker	7	
Geo. Durgin	31	1
Albert Newsome	4	2
Edward Minnon	2	3
Leland Whiting	42	2
Frank Stevens	1	3
Wm. Calley	4	2
James Perry	4	2
Alvan B. Pike	43	
Edward Barrett	29	
Thomas Larock	19	4
Noel Larock	19	4
Ernest Aldrich	4	2
O. Warren Brown	9	
Mary Downs	26	5
Fred Terrian	18	5
Wm. Robinson	4	2
Harry Moody	11	
Thomas Lessard	1	
Napoleon Lessard	1	

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Jessie Reynolds	9	3
John Monahan	9	3
Edith Marston	6	4
Elbridge Ladd	17	4
James F. Burns	3	
John McAuley	18	
Dayton Spooner	2	3
Granville Gould	2	3
Antono Keeffron	3	
William T. Burns	3	
Joseph T. Burns	16	1
Thomas Brennon	8	2
John J. Pickett	4	
Frank Herbert	12	
Thomas Gagnon	12	
Thomas J. Kenny	9	2
Henry Kouris	9	2
Pat Driscoll	6	
Thomas Riley	6	
Clarence S. Wescott	3	3
John A. Crawford	3	3

Number in Jail Jan. 1, 1896	17
Number admitted during the year	47
Number in Jail Dec. 31, 1896	14
Number of weeks board	652

C. D. Thyng, Deputy Jailer.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

GENTLEMEN.—The following is a list of persons committed to the House of Correction for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896:

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Thomas Burchill	3	
David Swain	18	
Maggie Buswell	19	
Charles Kelley	2	
Moses Lasanta	1	3
James Harris	1	3
Wm. Owens	6	
John Ames	7	5
John H Downing	1	3
James Whalan	9	
C. F. Clark	14	3
Bert Goodwin	5	4
Ed. Evans	15	
James Brady	15	
Patrick O'Neil	1	
Moses Larock	4	2
John Monahan	9	4
B. F. Leavitt		3
Fred Shannon	2	6
Charles Mercelene	2	6
Thomas Sceagrave	2	6
Thomas Morin	2	6
Wm. Barrett	7	2
Noel Larock	1	5
George Moore	2	1
Lewis Morrill	2	1
Wm. Miller	1	

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Geo. Dow	3	
Gertrude Brown	3	
Number in House of Correction Jan. 1, '96	3	
Number admitted during year	26	
Number in House of Correction Dec. 31, '96	4	
Weeks board		167

Clerk's Report.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit an itemized account of all my receipts and disbursements as Clerk.

MARCH TERM, 1896.

Dr.

To fine and cost, State v. Colby	$ 28.96	
" " " Hubbards	42.81	
3 law Dockets sold	3.00	
20 trial Dockets sold	40.00	
one-half cost printing cases	9.37	
115 entries at $1.20	138.00	
9 jury fees	45.00	
cost State v. Brown	7.78	
" " Calden	5.68	
fine and costs State v. Sanborn	52.20	
" " " Williams	37.85	
" " " Downs	36.60	
" " " Veilleux	39.11	
" " " Letourneau	105.19	
order on Treasurer	102.00	
		$693.55

Cr.

By 1 day's attendance	$ 3.00
paid bill, Ira C. Evans	4.75
" " F. M. Beckford	6.65

By paid for seals, P. O. box rent, pens and express	$ 1.60	
making copies extradition of Pike	5.00	
paid for stamped envelopes	3.20	
" stamp and register	.55	
" bill, Thompson & Hoague	3.50	
115 civil entries at 30 cts.	34.50	
30 state " "	9.00	
6 month's allowance	350.00	
paid P. O. box rent and express	.55	
" bill, Stockbridge & Sanders	7.50	
" " F. W. Story	4.15	
" " Jewett & Plummer	25.00	
" " Lewis, Vaughan & Co.	104.50	
" " John O'Loughlin	10.00	
" " Lena G. Durrell	10.00	
" " Jewett & Plummer	35.00	
25 days' attendance	75.00	
		$693.55

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1896.

Dr.

To fine and cost, State vs. Gingras	$ 37.85	
4 law Dockets sold	4.00	
20 trial Dockets sold	40.00	
one-half cost printing cases	8.38	
126 entries at $1.20	151.20	
1 jury fee	5.00	
fine and cost, State vs. Pitman	65.77	
" " " Buckley	65.77	
" " " Jeffords	73.20	
" " " Maloney	3.94	
" " " Smith	11.50	
order on Treasurer	114.63	
		$581.24

Cr.

By paid bill, C. Maher	$ 1.08	
" for carting books	.60	
1 day's attendance	3.00	
paid bill, Ira C. Evans	5.92	
" for cartage, paper and postage	1.18	
" paper fastener	2.00	
" express and postage	.56	
" 2 copies Abbott v. R. R.	1.00	
" for seals and express	1.05	
" 126 entries at 30 cts	37.80	
" 18 state entries at 30 cts	5.40	
6 month's allowance	350.00	
paid bill, F. W. Story	5.56	
" Lewis, Vaughan & Co.	101.45	
" John O'Loughlin	10.00	
" for sundries	.64	
" 18 days' attendance	54.00	
		$581.24

E. P. Thompson, Clerk.

Solicitor's Report.

State Docket, March Term, 1896.

Continued cases		14
Disposed of.		
Continued	12	
Nol. Pros.	1	
Not to be brought forward	1	
	—	14
Indictments this term		30
Arson	2	
Escape from Jail	1	
Breaking and entering	3	
Larceny	2	
Adultery	1	
Disorderly house	1	
Tramp	1	
Abuse female child	1	
Spiritous and malt liquor	18	
	—	30
Disposed of.		
Continued	9	
Guilty and sent to State Prison, larceny	1	
" " " " Jail, breaking and ent'ring	1	
Insane " " " Asylum, tramp	1	
Guilty, sentenced, mittimus not to issue, &c., adultery, disorderly house, liquor	7	
Guilty, sentenced, paid, liquor	10	
Nol. Pros., costs paid, larceny	1	
	—	30

Appeal, dismissed		1
Trial, disagreement, arson		1

State Docket, September Term, 1896.

Continued cases		21
Disposed of.		
Continued	4	
Not to be brought forward	17	
	—	21
Indictments this term		18
Larceny	2	
Burglary	3	
Tramp	1	
Breaking and entering	1	
Spirituous and malt liquor	11	
	—	18
Disposed of.		
Guilty and sent to State Prison, larc'y, tramp	2	
" " " " Jail, burglary	1	
" " " " Industr'l School, burglary	1	
Guilty, sentenced, mittimus not to issue, &c., burglary, larceny, liquor	3	
Guilty, sentenced, paid, liquor	10	
Acquitted, breaking and entering	1	
	—	18
Appeals		6
Dismissed	2	
Dismissed on payment of costs	2	
Guilty and sentenced	1	
Continued	1	
	—	6
Trials.		
Acquittal	1	
Convictions	2	
	—	3

Marked during the year "Not to be bro't forward"		18
Respondents out of the State	11	
Respondents in prison from other counties .	3	
Sentences not advisable	4	
	—	18

A judgment of $55 has been recovered against the County for care of a child. The N. H. Insane Asylum has filed a claim for several months' support of an insane person transferred from the prison to the asylum by the Governor and Council. The County contests the claim, the facts have been agreed, and the questions are now before the Supreme Court.

W. B. Fellows, County Solicitor.

Dated Deeember 15, 1896.

Sheriff's Report.

EXPENSES OF SUPREME COURT.

March Term, 1896.

Paid B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff.			
25 days attendance		$ 75.00	
Travel		1.20	
Rev. James B. Morrison, chaplain .		1.00	
Fees Buckley mittimus, ...	885	13.50	
" Cunningham mittimus. . .	888	13.50	
" Whiting mittimus, ...	889	3.70	
C. D. Thyng, fees as turnkey and conveyance of prisoners		37.00	
City Hotel, jurymen's, prisoners' and keepers' meals		31.00	
Philbrook Bros., teams		3.50	
			$179.40
Lester Philbrook, Deputy.			
25 days attendance		62.50	
Travel		.12	
Trips to jail		2.00	
			64.62
Charles F. Locke, Deputy.			
25 days attendance		62.50	
Travel		.24	
			62.74

Paid Edward M. Drake, Deputy.		
25 days attendance	$ 62.50	
Travel	1.20	
Trips to jail	2.00	
		$ 65.70
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy.		
25 days attendance	$ 62.50	
Travel	2.40	
Trips to jail	1.00	
		$ 65.90
Total for March Term		$438.36

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1896.

Paid B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff.		
18 days attendance	$ 54.00	
Travel	1.20	
Rev. C. A. G. Thurston, chaplain	1.00	
Fees Moody mittimus	13.50	
" Keifner mittimus	13.50	
" Burns, J., mittimus	3.70	
" Burns, Wm., mittimus	20.50	
Meals for prisoners and keepers	4.00	
Philbrook Bros., teams	9.25	
C. D. Thyng, turnkey's fees and conveying prisoners	21.00	
		$141.65
Charles F. Locke, Deputy.		
18 days attendance	$ 45.00	
Travel	.24	
		$ 45.24
Lester Philbrook, Deputy.		
18 days attendance	$ 45.00	
Travel	.12	
Trips to jail	7.00	
		$ 52.12

Edward M. Drake, Deputy.			
9 days attendance	$ 22.50		
Travel	1.20		
			$ 23.70
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy.			
9 days attendance	$ 22.50		
Travel	2.40		
Trip to jail	1.00		
Fees Downs mittimus, . . .	887	19.45	
			$ 45.35
Total for September Term			$308.06

During the year extensive repairs have been made at the jail, strengthening the building where its weakness has been discovered. Steel lattice work has been placed in the wall, where it was supposed railroad iron was put when the jail was built. Its absence was made known by the easy escape of the prisoners.

Forty-seven prisoners committed to the jail in 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADBURY R. DEARBORN, Sheriff.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of M. M. Robinson, Treasurer, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896		$17,796.99

County Taxes.

Town of Alton	$2,152.30	
" Barnstead	1,966.76	
" Belmont	1,885.12	
" Centre Harbor	905.44	
" Gilford	1,313.64	
" Gilmanton	1,885.12	
City of Laconia	16,713.74	
Town of Meredith	2,746.04	
" New Hampton	1,209.74	
" Sanbornton	1,692.12	
" Tilton	4,029.98	
		$36,500.00

Received From Notes.

Mrs. Lydia A. Batchelder	$2,000.00	
Langdon G. Morgan	2,000.00	
		$4,000.00

Received From Fines.

C. D. Thyng, fines and costs, State vs. Edward Minnon	$ 54.00	

W. B. Fellows, fines, J. L. Loverin vs. Chas. Burleigh	$ 10.00	
W. B. Fellows, fines, E. H. Frodd vs. Chas. Burleigh	10.00	
W. B. Fellows, fines, Carlton vs. Goodell	10.00	
H. K. W. Scott, one-half fines, W. B. Fellows vs. Jacob Jeffords	25.00	
		$109.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Geo. A. Sanders, refund account of Nicholas Ainger	7.00	
County of Strafford, aid to Hannah Wiggin	52.00	
Geo. A. Sanders, refund acc't of Andrew Greives	9.57	
Geo. A. Sanders, refund acc't of Frank W. Stevens	3.40	
Town of Gilmanton, refund acc't of Sam'l Swain	44.76	
		$116.73

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

County Tax	$36,500.00	
Notes	4,000.00	
Fines and costs	109.00	
Miscellaneous receipts	116.73	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896	17,796.99	
		$58,522.72

EXPENDITURES.

OFFICERS AND AGENTS.

Geo. A. Sanders, Commissioner, services from Sept. 25, 1895, to Sept. 21, 1896	$331.45

Joseph F. Smith, Commissioner, services from Sept. 25, 1895, to Sept. 21, 1896	$ 382.83
Geo. C. Parsons, Commissioner, services from Sept. 25, 1895, to Sept. 21, 1896	340.49
W. B. Fellows, Solicitor, salary from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897	400.00
B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff, salary from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897	200.00
M. M. Robinson, Treasurer, salary from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897	200.00
C. D. Thyng, Supt. of Farm, salary from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897	800.00
C. D. Thyng, Jailor, salary from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897	100.00
	$2,754.77

COURT EXPENSES.

B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff, expenses, March term, 1896	$438.36
B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff, expenses, Sept. term, 1896	308.06
E. P. Thompson, Clerk of Court, balance of Clerk's account	216.63
Thos. Cogswell, referee fees, Guay vs. Stone, two cases	163.00
Isaac W. Smith, referee fees, Laconia Lumber Works vs. Hart, McArthur & Hart	22.40
C. B. Hibbard, referee fees, Bossie vs. Fugere .	5.00
Isaac W. Smith, referee fees, Hawkins vs. Cox	22.40
E. P. Thompson, referee fees, Rand vs. Cushing,	5.00
E. P. Thompson, referee fees, Adams vs. Harrington	15.00
W. S. Peaslee, referee fees, Baker vs. Garland .	10.00

C. B. Hibbard, referee fees, Davison vs. Delisle	$ 5.00
Thos. Cogswell, referee fees, Varrell vs. Greenleaf	5.00
Thos. Cogswell, referee fees, Greenleaf vs. Varrell	12.50

PAY ROLL, SEPT. TERM, 1894.

State vs. Geo. Dodge	14.70

PAY ROLL, MARCH TERM, 1895.

State vs. Alvah Pike	6.10

PAY ROLL, SEPT. TERM, 1895.

State vs. Rosa Tarlson	6.11
" " Simeon Lacasse	2.62
" " Elmira Sanvagean	6.85
" " E. H. Parsons	1.49
" " Mary Downs	2.74
" " Moses Germain	4.30

PAY ROLL, MARCH TERM, 1896.

Grand Jurors	97.76
Petit Jurors	1,234.92
State vs. P. C. Lamprey	364.87
" " G. R. & P. C. Lamprey	22.59
" " Edward Davis	17.98
" " Joseph, alias James Russell	11.51
" " Maggie Terrian	17.23
" " L. B. Brown	2.48
" " Fred Queen, alias Buckley	38.04
" " Special	11.24
" " Vida Williams	54.19
" " Leland Whiting	26.01
" " Frank Stevens	18.40
" " H. C. Caldon	.74

State vs. Willis Cunningham	$ 29.12
" " Mary Downs	3.75
" " Lucian Sargent	4.18
" " James Gingras	1.25
" " James Stone and W. H. McGrath	19.62
" " Albert J. Wood	28.34
" " Fred Villeux	31.67
" " E. E. Letourneau	.37
" " W. D. Walsh	18.29
" " Frank Dillon, Wm. Thompson and Michael Clark	6.62
" " Frank Kane, Dan'l Colburn and John Williams	23.44

PAY ROLL, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1896.

Grand Jurors	79.12
Petit Jurors	324.88
State vs. Michael Maloney	7.62
" " I. M. Cottrell	7.62
" " Geo. Pitman	1.37
" " Wm. Buckley	1.37
" " Joseph Burns	33.49
" " " "	1.37
" " W. F. Burns	20.11
" " Joseph Dalton	10.65
" " George Durgin	26.31
" " Special	36.19
" " Charles Smith	11.51
" " Jesse Reynolds and John Monahan	36.26
" " Harry Moody	29.12
" " Centaro Keiffner	24.96
	$4,003.84

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Hannah T. Edgerley, principal and interest, note No. 38	$ 826.93
Mrs. Mary A. Tilton, principal and interest, note No. 48	1,103.23
Mrs. Mary A. Tilton, principal and interest, note No. 49	1,103.23
Mrs. Martha J. Sawyer, principal and interest, note No. 14	1,189.31
Mrs. Lydia A. Batchelder, principal and interest, note No. 54	1,030.56
Mrs. Lydia A. Batchelder, principal and interest, note No. 55	1,030.56
Langdon G. Morgan, principal and interest, note No. 56	1,026.33
Langdon G. Morgan, principal and interest, note No. 57	1,026.33
120 Court House Bond coupons	1,200.00
40 Redemption Bond coupons	800.00
	$10,336.48

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

F. W. Towle, services as Auditor for 1895,		$5.00
Thos. O'Shea, " " " " "		5.00
Geo. A. Sanders, supplies for Court House	$37.43	
Geo. A. Sanders, supplies and repairs to Court House boilers	24.54	
Geo. A. Sanders, expense of Auditors	3.20	
" jail repairs	780.00	845.17
H. C. Wells, M. D., medical contract at County Farm	75.00	
H. C. Wells, M. D., returns of births and deaths	3.00	78.00

New England Telephone Co., service at Court House		$ 48.35
Riley & Young, repairs on Jail		15.68
Wm. Munn Co., indexes for Register of Deeds' office		29.75
Samuel and John Laflam, peeling bark .		80.00
S. C. Frye, City Clerk, returns of births and deaths		1.80
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies for Court House		.99
Laconia Electric Light Co., service at Court House		15.90
Winnipesaukee Gas and Electric Light Co., service at Court House		22.75
J. S. Chase, services as Janitor	$420.00	
" cash paid for sundry expenses	23.78	443.78
John Laflam, peeling bark		25.00
Town of Meredith, taxes on Sanborn lot,		11.70
C. R. Pease, services of orchestra at County Farm		6.50
L. S. Perley, 285 cords of wood in 1893,		712.50
Melcher & Prescott Insurance Agency, insurance on Co. Farm buildings .		313.20
Lougee Bros., supplies for Court House,		2.55
W. B. Fellows, insurance on Court House furniture		6.75
Albert Colby, services as Coroner . . .		6.00
E. P. Thompson, supplies for Clerk's office		4.83
City of Laconia, one-half fines, State vs. Burns	11.96	
City of Laconia, one-half fines, State vs. Morrison	25.00	36.96

James Rowe, repairing Court House roof		$ 36.92
A. W. Jewett, ice for Court House . . .		2.50
Linnie N. Bean, indexing Records . . .		239.75
Mabel Plummer, " " . . .		19.50
Olin L. Philbrook, sprinkling streets . .		5.00
Silsby & Son, supplies for Register of Deeds' office		12.00
Weeks Bros., printing for county officers,	$118.70	
" " " county reports . .	76.22	194.92
Novelty Job Print Co., printing and supplies for Register of Deeds		16.00
L. M. Gould, publishing notice		1.00
John O'Loughlin, stamps and wrappers,		12.00
H. O. Burleigh, stamps		5.00
Stockbridge & Sanders, binding records,	24.00	
" " paper for Register of Deeds' office	65.00	89.00
O'Shea Bros., matting for Court House,		61.84
G. B. Cox, ½ fines State v. Letourneau,	50.00	
" " " " " Sanborn . .	25.00	
" " " " " Williams . .	15.00	
" " " " " Gingras . .	15.00	
" " " " " Downs . . .	15.00	120.00
F. W. Story, record book for Treasurer,		3.50
F. A. Young, printing for Probate office,		13.00
C. E. Leavitt, freight on iron for Jail repairs		1.80
M. M. Robinson, stationery, postage . .		3.00
Laconia Ice, Coal & Wood Co., coal for Court House	37.50	
Laconia I., C. & W. Co., Jail repairs . .	3.14	40.64
S. C. Forsaith Machine Co., Jail repairs,		93.69

City Marble Works, Jail repairs		$ 4.00
Laconia Water Works, service at Court House		12.39
Wallace Bros., Jail repairs		38.65
John Parker Smith, Jail repairs		10.25
G. Cook & Son, Jail repairs		2.34
M. B. Plummer, supplies for Register of Deeds' office		18.85
Philbrook Bros., use of team, Edwards case		1.25
Laconia Street Railway, use of barge . .		5.00
A. H. Harriman, examination of tramp,		3.00
H. K. W. Scott, expense capturing prisoners	$ 17.25	
H. K. W. Scott, expense, Edwards case,	16.45	
" " services McCawley case,	6.17	39.87
Ruben Allen, costs in case of Allen vs. Pickett, per order of Solicitor . . .		17.79
A. C. Cochran, Jail repairs		1.60
Lewis Jenkins, adjustable fixtures . . .		8.00
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance and Inspection Co., inspection and insurance of County Farm and Court House boilers		100.00
H. A. Jones, searching records		3.05
		$3,955.26

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts, ...	$ 58,522.72

DISBURSEMENTS.

County officers and agents	$ 2,754.77	
Court expenses	4,003.84	
Support of external poor	11,783.73	
Farm use	7,826.23	
Notes and interest	10,336.48	
Miscellaneous expenses	3,955.26	
Cash on hand	17,862.41	
		$ 58,522.72

COUNTY DEBT.

60 Court House bonds	$30,000.00
20 Refunding bonds	20,000.00

LACONIA, N. H., Jan. 21, 1897.

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Belknap County and County Auditors, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of Mark M. Robinson, County Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of $17,862.41 in the hands of the Treasurer. And we furthermore certify that we have destroyed by burning, the following coupons of said county:

120	Coupons of the value of	$10.00	each,	$1,200.00
40	" " "	20.00	"	800.00
Total value				$2,000.00

GEORGE A. SANDERS,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE C. PARSONS, } Commissioners of Belknap County.

THOMAS O'SHEA,
FRED W. TOWLE, } Auditors.

Physician's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners and Citizens of Belknap County:

As visiting Physician to the County Farm, I herewith submit my report for the past year:

There has been more than the usual amount of sickness among the inmates at the Farm the past year, as the deaths and births will show, owing to the tramps and poor ladies being sent there for medical attendance.

The regular inmates are in good, flourishing condition, owing to the good care they have.

There have been four deaths: Mr. Whipple, age 25 years, consumption; Mr. Morrison, age 90 years, paralysis; Mrs. Snow, age 59 years, paralysis; Mrs. Dockham, age 79 years, paralysis.

There have been three births. People having no homes were brought to the Farm for care.

The sanitary conditions at the Farm are not what they should be, many of the sewer pipes being open into the laundry and other places.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. Wells, M. D.